

CSD Network Agencies Freeze Response As of 1/19/07

Migrant Seasonal Farm Worker Agencies (MSFW): (Services provided in multiple counties)

California Human Development (CHD) - MSFW:

Mike Micciche, CEO
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Agency is being proactive in responding to the freeze. Under their PVEA outreach contract, they are maximizing outreach to eligible participants (farm workers) to ensure the maximum number of individuals possible are reached and educated about where they can go to receive assistance.

Additionally, through CSBG, CHD is able to offer emergency supportive services to farm workers. They are able to provide sleeping bags, emergency food and limited shelter to individuals affected by the freeze.

CHD is meeting this afternoon to discuss the possibility of operating emergency housing through their existing housing services that are not currently being utilized. The existing housing operates on a seasonal basis, and is currently not occupied.

CHD's Day Labor Center is open and displaced workers affected by the freeze can come to the center and have access to employment opportunities in an attempt to offset any distress caused by the loss of employment.

Additionally, CHD has distributed 400 "Energy Savings" bags that they received from this office. The bags contain a blanket, two fluorescent light bulbs and a low-flow shower head. These items are meant to decrease the burden of energy costs for those workers that have decreased income during the emergency.

La Cooperativa Campesina De California (LA COOP) - MSFW:

Raul Meyreles, Executive Director
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La Coop was instrumental in responding to the freeze in 1998 and they are meeting with Pat Hanning from EDD tomorrow to suggest that similar actions occur.

If there is a federal state of emergency declared, and EDD in Washington DC provides a waiver, then the agencies receiving EDD funds are able to adjust their budgeted funding to provide emergency assistance. In 1998, La Coop worked with OES to identify and establish potential sites for emergency distribution centers. La Coop coordinated and funded the staffing at particular sites throughout the affected areas. They are meeting with the Director from EDD tomorrow to suggest these actions occur again this year. If they obtain approval, they are able to begin operating these services within the week.

Proteus, Inc. – MSFW:

Ed Mata, CSBG Coordinator
(559) 733-5423

Agency is coordinating CSBG funds to do the following: Chief Operations Officer of Proteus is the Mayor of Visalia. He is coordinating with four counties, Tulare, Fresno, Kern and Kings and with other adjacent cities. City of Visalia has established a fund to temporarily assist and place in temporary employment of those displaced due to the freeze.

Proteus will provide temporary employment to those impacted by the freeze to supplement their loss funding.

Mobile Unit is being utilized to travel to the small cities to identify the number of individuals impacted by the freeze, taking count to determine who has been laid off.

Numbers are trickling in, but we don't have a ballpark figure but hope to have a count by the end of the week.

Setting up a database, an identifier to log and keep count of those affected by the freeze to plan for future services.

In coordination with the Disaster Preparedness Committee in Tulare County, Proteus has committed our Wittman Community Youth Center, in Visalia, as a Warming Center.

CSBG/Energy Funded Agencies:

Amador-Tuolumne: Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency –

CSBG/Energy:

Shelly Hance, Executive Director
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Worked closely with our County OES coordinators and did the following: worked with a local church to sleep homeless and those in need this weekend and supplied blankets and sleeping bags, we delivered blankets and sleeping bags to homeless at the rivers, at hospital emergency rooms. We opened our homeless shelters as warming centers and went beyond capacity and used them and their phone numbers on local radio for the public so that if people were cold this weekend they could to contact us. We also had generators standing by and heaters available for loan and pick up at the shelters. We had senior shut ins that called for help that did not want the heaters due to high energy costs and they did not want to come in to the warming centers, so we brought them blankets. Thank you for your support

Colusa/Glenn/Trinity Community Action Agency – CSBG/Energy:

Cheri Hagen-Deputy Director
(530) 934-6510

Trinity County: Fourteen individuals currently housed; 10 individuals referred to shelters on the Coast.

Glenn County: Six families, with a total of 14 individuals housed; 13 individuals referred to shelters in Chico.

Contra Costa: Contra Costa Community Services Department - CSBG/Energy:

Al Prince, Program Manager
(925) 646-5540

Thanks to the efforts of your Department, Contra Costa County was able to provide the following additional emergency services:

- Added a total of 30 beds to the County's existing Adult shelters. All 30 beds were used, and were actually increased to 36 beds for the last three nights to handle the additional clients.
- Added a total of eight beds to the County's existing Family Shelter.
- Purchased hotel vouchers for any additional clients that could not be taken care of from other efforts made. As of this morning, approximately four vouchers were counted as used.

The estimated budget for the above services is projected at \$11,000.

¥ Fresno County: Fresno County Economic Opportunity Commission – CSBG/Energy:

Roger Palomino, Executive Director
(559) 263-1010

Coordinating efforts with the County and individual rural communities. Over the three day weekend, we assisted in staffing a 24-hour emergency call center with the Sheriff's department and kept the LIHEAP/ECIP office open to process applications. In addition, EOC was on call to provide transportation for the homeless to warming shelters set up in the city and rural communities. A meeting was held this morning with members from the rural communities to discuss needs, impact and strategies. Fresno county and EDD are dispatching workers to rural communities to assist in applying for unemployment and temporary assistance. EOC is sending additional staff to rural communities to provide energy assistance. A special meeting will be convened by our office of rural services next week to coordinate relief efforts and plan additional strategies. The Fresno EOC contact person for this effort is: Lalo Acevedo. He can be reached at (559) 263-1293 or lalo.acevedo@fresnoeoc.org.

Imperial County: Campesinos Unidos Incorporated (CUI) – CSBG/Energy:

Lupe L. Ponc, CSBG Director
(760) 351-5100

In Imperial County, cold weather issues are being dealt with by the County's Emergency Operations. Salvation Army and the other shelters increased their number of beds. The National Guard is waiting for orders to open their doors. We will coordinate services and purchase blankets and sleeping bags if necessary. I hope this information helps.

Inyo County: Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) – CSBG/Energy:

Daniel Steinhagen, Executive Director
(760) 873-8557

Cold temperatures like the state has recently been experiencing are not unusual in this area around this time of year, so the low-income communities in IMACA's service areas are prepared for and handling the cold spell in stride. Specifically, the agency's provision of heating services to low income families in the area include firewood and propane and these resource reserves are expected to last through March 15, 2007 as projected in IMACA's CSD LiHeap contract. All is well, except for a few broken water pipes.

¥ Kern County: Community Action Partnership of Kern – CSBG/Energy:

Ralph Martinez, Deputy Director
(661) 336-5236

Agency has scheduled meetings to discuss ideas for the freeze relief efforts. Supervisor Rubio's office has been contacted, to see if any relief plans have already been initiated. Items to be discussed at the meeting are as follows: availability of agency trucks for emergency food deliveries, recruitment of volunteers of hiring of temporary workers and what will be required to bring them on quickly, designation of HelpLine as primary communication for requesting assistance, providing relief funds/goods, expansion of WIC outreach to include families that might now qualify due to lack of income, rental assistance and utility or other energy assistance that can be made available.

¥ Kings County: Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) – CSBG/Energy:

David Droker, Executive Director
(559) 582-4386

We serve on the Kings County's emergency response team. We are providing clothing, food and shelter services. Additionally, we are attempting to fast-track child development services for children affected by the freeze.

¥ Madera County: Madera Community Action Partnership – CSBG/Energy:

Mary Long, CSBG/HEAP Program Manager
(559) 673-9173

The agency contacted the Madera Rescue Mission and they requested 15 sleeping bags. CAP purchased them and delivered them on Friday, 1/12/2007 and a total of \$219.00 was spent.

¥ Merced County: Merced County Community Action Agency – CSBG/Energy:

Brenda Callahan-Johnson, Executive Director
(209) 723-4565

The agency was asked to cover the warming center at the National Guard Armory. We did it by ourselves, increasing staffing and providing an additional meal. Our overall cost was about \$1135.00, since we only did this for 5 days and we were already utilizing the Armory for the homeless. We had a small increase in the number of people coming to the shelter, but by agreeing to do this out of our budget, we saved OES and the County of Merced thousands of dollars and headaches.

**Orange County: Community Action Partnership of Orange County –
CSBG/Energy:**

Clarence Ray, Executive Director
(714) 897-6670

The agency has allocated \$1,400 for motel vouchers thru a local service emergency shelter agency. Their Executive Director also sits on our Board and is very responsible and will ensure that the homeless persons most in need get off the streets during this emergency.

The funds allocated will assist approximately seven families (21 persons) for (21 nights—3 nights per family) in total. When I have more exact data, I will send it to you.

San Benito County: San Benito County Department of Community Services and Workforce Development – CSBG/Energy:

Kathryn Flores, Executive Director
(831) 637-9293

SAME AS YOLO COUNTY: In Yolo County the cold weather issues were dealt with by the County's Emergency Operations and the cities. The Department of Employment and Social Services was on stand-by to open a warming center/shelter at the Fairgrounds. But it was never necessary due to other community options.

**San Bernardino County: Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino –
CSBG/Energy:**

Patricia Nickols, Executive Director
(909) 891-3863

Agency provided sleeping bags and blankets to emergency shelters throughout San Bernardino County to accommodate the increased number of clients. We also make arrangements with local motels to provide temporary shelter to families and individuals that the shelters could not accommodate, such as large families and disabled individuals. Each shelter was provided with a designated number of shelter (motel) vouchers and transportation bus passes. For those households with inoperable heating systems, we provided portable heaters for distribution by designated agencies until our weatherization crews could be dispatched. We disseminated press releases to the media, 211, and the Red Cross about our efforts and provided our walk-in clients and community partners with informational materials on health and safety tips.

¥ San Luis Obispo: Economic Opportunity Commission of San Luis Obispo County, Incorporated (EOCSLO) – CSBG/Energy:

Elizabeth Steinberg, Chief Executive Officer
(805) 541-4122

Several days ago our County's Office of Emergency Services contacted the County DSS to coordinate assistance to low-income households during the freeze. DSS staff

focused on unsheltered populations such as the homeless and those on General Assistance, by contacting local shelter programs. Two homeless shelters have been functioning as warming centers including EOC's Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter in Central County, and the ECHO church-based homeless shelter in North County. South County residents needing warming center services were directed to the Santa Maria shelter in Northern Santa Barbara County. DSS also monitored TANF families and home-bound elderly persons to determine if they were in need of special assistance. If appropriate, they were directly linked to needed services.

In addition to functioning as a warming center, EOC's Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter also distributed numerous sleeping bags and blankets to those who did not have shelter. EOC's Energy Department used some LIHEAP funds to purchase \$1,000 worth of blankets and sleeping bags for this purpose. EOC's Energy Department also responded to clients who have no heat by repairing or replacing furnaces or by providing temporary space heaters to allow them to get by until repairs can be made.

San Mateo County: Community Action Agency of San Mateo – CSBG/Energy:

Diane Shakoor, Manager Planning/Programs
(650) 595-1342

The agency is working with St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Worker House to provide 500 sleeping bags to homeless individuals. CAA is working with Pescadero High School to provide jackets/coats to farm workers and their family members who do not have any jackets/coats. Last Friday we provided jackets to 15 farm worker children attending Pescadero High School who had absolutely no outerwear over their clothes in 28 degree weather. CAA is working with Puente de la Costa Sur and Pescadero High School to provide sleeping bags/blankets to farm worker families. To date, 38 farm worker families have been assisted. CAA is presently working with the community to identify and provide other services needed during these very cold times.

Santa Clara County: Economic and Social Opportunities (ESO) – CSBG/Energy:

Tom Fulcher, Jr., President/CEO
(408) 971-0888

The agency established emergency shelter providers in the County and inquired as to their most pressing needs in light of the weather emergency. We were told that the greatest immediate need was for sleeping bags. We then sent out buying teams to purchase as many sleeping bags as were immediately available in the local area. We were able to acquire 175 sleeping bags and distribute them to local emergency shelter providers who in turn redistributed them to their target market. We are now contacting the shelter providers seeking after-action information that will allow us to provide a more detailed report.

Santa Cruz: Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County – CSBG/Energy:

Christine Johnson-Lyons, Executive Director
(831) 763-2147

Agency provided Warming Center with \$3000 worth of blankets and clothing and also provided \$6000 in motel vouchers for 15 medically compromised homeless people for 6 days.

Dorothy Place Homeless Shelter was provided \$3000 worth of blankets, clothing and sleeping bags for their shelter.

The Central Coast Energy Services was crucial in providing immediate funding for blankets and warm clothing which was distributed to people who are on the streets during daytime.

The Department of Social and Employment Services was able to coordinate an agreement with a local church and opened a "warming center." The center is still open today. The Department of Social and Employment Services is financially contributing to pay for staffing of the site for 16 hours every day.

We estimate a total cost of approximately \$10,000 for the entire project including staff time and motel vouchers made available to bring people indoors.

¥ Tulare County: Community Service and Employment Training (CSET) – CSBG/Energy:

Carolyn Rose, Executive Director
(559) 732-4194

CSET has stepped up outreach - through press releases, collaboration meetings, and community programs - regarding our programs, such as energy assistance and referrals to emergency shelter and food resources. We participate in response teams with the County and City of Porterville.

We anticipate that rent and mortgage payments will be the most difficult to respond to with existing funding and that the need will begin to hit in two weeks. We are also concerned about helping families whose heads of households may not be here legally.

¥ Ventura County: Ventura County Commission on Human Concerns – CSBG/Energy:

Socorro Lopez-Hanson, Interim Executive Director
(805) 436-4028

The following are the efforts the agency is making to address the freezing temperatures affecting their clients:

- Agency added additional space to house clients during the day
- Agency collaborates with Rescue Mission where clients are transported at the end of the day for overnight accommodation
- Agency provides a wide range of activities to clients and distributes blankets, drinks, popcorn, and shows educational movies
- Agency has noticed an increase in the number of drop-ins due to the freezing temperatures.

CSBG Funded Agencies:

Mariposa County: Calaveras/Mariposa Community Action Agency – CSBG:
Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, MSW Director
(209) 966-3609

The cold weather issues in Mariposa County are being handled by the County Human Services and Health Departments. The Fairgrounds are on stand-by as a warming center. So far, the need for shelter has been provided to just a few families/individuals. The estimated cost for hotel vouchers is \$1,100 so far. Outreach is being done to those that have been identified as the most vulnerable. The most abundant cold-related problem has been frozen and/or burst water pipes.

Humboldt County: Redwood Community Action Agency - CSBG:
Kermit Thobaben, LCS Interim Executive Director
(707) 269-2002

Agency is providing Extreme Weather Shelter info for homeless people. The County and city governments have done nothing. Two non-profits, Arcata Endeavor and All Faith Partnership, in Arcata and in partnership with several churches, have opened shelter beds on six different nights and provided 220 beds/nights.

Napa County: Community Action of Napa Valley (CANV) – CSBG:
Susan Hertel, Director
(707) 253-6100

We kept our Hope Resource Center opened over the weekend for the homeless to come in out of the cold. We are usually closed on the weekends. We also were open during the day at our homeless shelters. The cost to us for staffing for this was approximately \$1000.

Here is a synopsis of CANV's actions during the extreme cold:

- Increased bed capacity at our Winter Shelter (with approval from the state fire marshal) from 28 to 40. The Shelter has been full to capacity.
- Transferred 5 people from the Winter Shelter to our Single Adult Shelter - people who were close to meeting the single adult shelter's criteria. This opened up five more beds at Winter Shelter, which has much more lax requirements for sobriety etc.
- In agreement with the County of Napa, provided 4 families with children with hotel vouchers. Under the normal conditions, these families would not have been eligible.
- Handed out approximately 80 blankets to homeless individuals.
- Sent out an outreach worker on Friday night to find homeless on the streets and provide them with alternatives.

Sacramento County: Sacramento (SETA) – CSBG:

Kathy Kossick, Executive Director
(916) 263-3800

SETA was not directly involved in providing cold weather shelter to Sacramento County residents. The City and County of Sacramento made available 4 warming centers that were open during the day and one overnight center on a temporary emergency basis. All were located at public community center facilities throughout the city of Sacramento. Cindy Sherwood-Green
Workforce Development Manager/SETA

San Diego County: Health and Human Services Agency Community Action Partnership – CSBG:

Rene Santiago, Executive Director
(619) 338-2799

Although San Diego County was not one of the 10 counties that the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency, the following activities were conducted in the county:

- The City of San Diego opened a winter shelter in November and on January 5th arranged for shelter space for an additional 100 clients through a local emergency shelter.
- The City of Escondido (in North San Diego County) opened an armory.
- CAP San Diego worked closely with the Regional Continuum of Care Council, which includes several Cities in the County, to provide vouchers, case management, and coordination of resources.

Solano County: Solano Safety Net Consortium – CSBG:

PJ Davis, Executive Director
(707) 422-8810

We have coordinated with our Provider Group and Health & Social Services. We have warming sites set up in Fairfield and Vallejo with the Salvation Army, and with the City of Fairfield Community Services. We also have our Providers using motel vouchers on a limited basis. Mission Solano has increased their capacity for their church shelter and pick up homeless persons on their bus every night. Our agency works as the clearinghouse for the information and we make sure everyone involved gets the information right away.

Yolo County: Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services – CSBG:

Pam Miller, Director
(530) 661-2750

In Yolo County the cold weather issues were dealt with by the County's Emergency Operations and the cities. The Department of Employment and Social Services was on stand-by to open a warming center/shelter at the Fairgrounds. But it was never necessary due to other community options.

Energy Funded Agencies:

Los Angeles County: Maravilla – *Energy*:

Ed Acampo 323-869-4500

Maravilla will be donating \$15,000 to the Lancaster Community Shelter. They also purchased 12 heaters and sleeping bags and sent them to their office in Lancaster to be used in the area.

¥ Monterey County: Central Coast Energy Services, Inc. (CCES) – *Energy*:

Dennis Osmer, Executive Director
(831) 761-7080

Monterey County the office of Emergency Services, the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, the American Red Cross, and the Department of Social and Employment Services/Community Action Partnership worked closely to make sure everyone had a place to go during the extreme cold temperature period. 13 homeless individuals have been able to take advantage of the "warming site" so far. The site has been opened for seven days. We estimate a total cost of approximately \$10,000 for the entire project including staff time and motel vouchers made available to bring people indoors.

North Coast Energy Services (Multiple Counties) – *Energy*:

Linda McQueen, Executive Director
(707) 253-6100

Agency has provided 85 wool blankets for the local homeless shelter and 152 sleeping bags.

Note: ¥ denotes this agency is located in an area that has been declared a State disaster area.